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in continuous contact with the patient's torso, including the front, sides, and a portion of the back of said patient's torso;

- (B) fastening to a power unit said belt including any of said extremities of said belt not already fastened around said patient's chest;
- (C) placing an actuator having first and second states in said first state; and
- (D) with said actuator in said first state, providing power from a power supply to said power unit and moving said belt in a direction to tighten said belt around said patient's chest.

129 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 128 further including periodically repeating steps (C) and (D).

130 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 129 further comprising defibrillating the chest of said patient undergoing CPR.

131 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 130 further including detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest under compression, and, when said belt has placed said chest under compression, inducing a defibrillating electric current through said chest.

132 (Previously presented) The method of Claim 131 further including detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest about under maximal compression and, when

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said belt has placed said chest about under maximal compression, inducing said defibrillating electric current through said chest

133 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 129 further including contacting two spaced outer chest surfaces with a first electrode and a second electrode.

134 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 129 further including contacting two spaced outer chest surfaces with a first electrode and a second electrode.

145 (Currently amended). A method of CPR treating patients comprising:

- (A) wrapping a belt, with first and second opposite extremities, around and in contact with a substantial majority of a patient's [chest] torso, said belt being in continuous contact with the patient's torso, including the front, sides, and a portion of the back of said patient's torso;
- (B) fastening to an apparatus any of said extremities of said belt not already fastened to said apparatus;
- (C) providing a particular signal to a powered belt tightener coupled to said belt extremities; and
- (D) upon the receipt of said particular signal by said belt tightener, moving with said belt tightener, said belt extremities in directions to tighten said belt around said patient's chest.

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146 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 145 further including periodically repeating steps (C) and (D).

147. (Previously presented). The method of Claim 146 further comprising defibrillating the chest of said patient undergoing CPR.

148 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 147 further including detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest under compression; and, when said belt has placed said chest under compression, inducing a defibrillating electric current through said chest.

149 (Previously presented) The method of Claim 148 further including detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest about under maximal compression and, when said belt has placed said chest about under maximal compression, inducing said defibrillating electric current through said chest

150 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 147 further including contacting two spaced outer chest surfaces with a first electrode and a second electrode.

151 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 145 further including contacting two spaced outer chest surfaces with a first electrode and a second electrode.

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152 (Currently amended). The method of Claim 145 wherein said belt tightener, when said belt tightener moves said belt extremities in said directions, moves said belt in said directions ~~direction~~ to tighten said belt substantially equally around said patient's left and right sides.

153 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 152 wherein said belt tightener includes an electric motor.

154 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 152 wherein said belt tightener includes a fluid-pressure motor.

155 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 154 wherein said belt tightener includes a hydraulic motor.

156 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 154 wherein said belt tightener includes a pneumatic motor.

171 (Currently amended). A method of CPR treating patients comprising:

- (A) wrapping a belt, with first and second opposite extremities, around and in contact with a substantial majority of a patient's [chest] torso, said belt being in continuous contact with the patient's torso, including the front, sides, and a portion of the back of said patient's torso;

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- (B) fastening to a power unit said belt including any of said extremities of said belt not already fastened around said patient's chest;
- (C) conveying power from a power supply to said power unit along a cable; and
- (D) when said power reaches said power unit, moving said belt in a direction to tighten said belt around said patient's chest.

172 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 171 further including periodically repeating steps (C) and (D).

173 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 172 further comprising defibrillating the chest of said patient undergoing CPR.

174 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 173 further including detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest under compression; and, when said belt has placed said chest under compression, inducing a defibrillating electric current through said chest.

175 (Previously presented) The method of Claim 174 further including detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest about under maximal compression and, when said belt has placed said chest about under maximal compression, inducing said defibrillating electric current through said chest

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176 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 173 further including contacting two spaced outer chest surfaces with a first electrode and a second electrode.

177 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 171 further including contacting two spaced outer chest surfaces with a first electrode and a second electrode.

178 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 171 wherein said belt is moved in said direction to tighten said belt extremities substantially equally around said patient's left and right sides.

179 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 178 wherein said power unit includes an electric motor.

180 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 178 wherein said power unit includes a fluid-pressure motor.

181 (Previously presented) The method of Claim 180 wherein said power unit includes a hydraulic motor.

182 (Previously presented) The method of Claim 180 wherein said power unit includes a pneumatic motor.

198 (Currently amended). A method of CPR treating patients comprising:

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- (A) wrapping a belt, with first and second opposite extremities, around and in contact with a substantial majority of a patient's [chest] torso, said belt being in continuous contact with the patient's torso, including the front, sides, and a portion of the back of said patient's torso;
- (B) fastening to a power unit said belt including any of said extremities of said belt not already fastened around said patient's chest;
- (C) conveying power from a power supply to said power unit along a line; and
- (D) when said power reaches said power unit, moving said belt extremities in directions to tighten said belt around said patient's chest.

199 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 198 further including periodically repeating steps (C) and (D).

200 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 199 further comprising defibrillating the chest of said patient undergoing CPR.

201 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 200 further including detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest under compression; and, when said belt has placed said chest under compression, inducing a defibrillating electric current through said chest.

202 (Previously presented) The method of Claim 201 further including detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest about under maximal compression and, when

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said belt has placed said chest about under maximal compression, inducing said defibrillating electric current through said chest

203 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 200 further including contacting two spaced outer chest surfaces with a first electrode and a second electrode.

204 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 198 further including contacting two spaced outer chest surfaces with a first electrode and a second electrode.

205 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 198 wherein said belt is moved in said direction to tighten said belt extremities substantially equally around said patient's left and right sides.

206 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 205 wherein said power unit includes an electric motor.

207 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 205 wherein said power unit includes a fluid-pressure motor.

208 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 207 wherein said power unit includes a hydraulic motor.

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209 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 207 wherein said power unit includes a pneumatic motor.

212 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 198 wherein said power is conveyed from said power supply to said power unit along said line cable automatically and in regular periodic intervals.

228 (Currently amended). A method of CPR treating patients comprising:

- (A) wrapping a belt around and in contact with a substantial majority of a patient's [chest] torso, said belt being in continuous contact with the patient's torso, including the front, sides, and a portion of the back of said patient's torso;
- (B) moving said belt in a direction to tighten said belt around said patient's chest and place said chest under compression;
- (C) detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest under compression;
and
- (D) when said belt has placed said chest under compression, inducing a defibrillating electric current through said chest.

229 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 228 further including contacting two spaced outer chest surfaces with a first electrode and a second electrode.

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230 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 228 further including periodically repeating steps (B) through (D).

231 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 228 further includes periodically repeating step (B).

232 (Previously presented) The method of Claim 231 further including detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest about under maximal compression and when said belt has placed said chest about under maximal compression, inducing said defibrillating electric current through said chest

233 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 232 further including contacting two spaced outer chest surfaces with a first electrode and a second electrode.

234 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 232 wherein, when said belt is moved in said direction to tighten said belt around said patient's chest and place said chest under compression, said belt extremities are moved substantially equally around said patient's left and right sides.

235 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 234 wherein said belt is moved by an electric motor.

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236 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 234 wherein said belt is moved by a fluid-pressure motor.

237 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 236 wherein said belt is moved by a hydraulic motor.

238 (Previously presented). The method of Claim 236 wherein said belt is moved by a pneumatic motor.

239 (Previously presented) The method of Claim 234 further including detecting when said belt has placed said patient's chest about under maximal compression and when said belt has placed said chest about under maximal compression, inducing said defibrillating electric current through said chest

In the drawings:

Please make the changes to the sheet 4 with Figures 8 to 10 by removing Figure 8 from the sheet and placing it on a new sheet with the changes shown in red on the attached pages.